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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Thousands of families of the Hindu faith reside in
2 House District 26 and throughout the state of Texas, and their
3 religious traditions add to the rich cultural diversity found in
4 the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Hindu New Year, an occasion celebrated by Hindus in
6 India and by Hindus of other nationalities, takes place during the
7 month of Chaitra, typically between March and April, according to
8 the Hindu calendar; and

9 WHEREAS, Hindus from different regions of India observe the
10 New Year at different times and call it by many names, among them
11 *Varsha Pratipada, Yugadi, Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Baisakhi, Bihu,*
12 *Puthandu, Vishu, Pana Sankranti, and Pohela Boishakh;* the Hindu New
13 Year is commonly associated with spring and is accompanied by
14 customs that vary from region to region, which include decorating
15 homes with vibrant flowers, eating special foods, and enjoying
16 other regional festivities with unique colors, rituals, and music;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Our state is enriched immeasurably by the
19 contributions of Hindu Americans, a large and multifaceted
20 population with a lush tapestry of beliefs and practices, and Hindu
21 New Year is an important and much-anticipated event for Hindus who
22 call Texas home; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize April 13, 2021, as Hindu New Year and

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1 extend to Hindus across the state of Texas sincere best wishes for a
2 joyous and memorable celebration.